

HUNTINGTON BEACH  
SOUTHEAST AREA COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 21, 2003

Attendance: Cathy Green, Mayor Pro Tem; Dave Sullivan, Councilmember; and Jill Hardy, Councilmember

City Staff: Ray Silver, David Biggs, Dave Webb, Todd Broussard, Rose Mary Medel, Gus Duran, and Carol Runzel

Cathy Green called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

Public Comments:

None.

Update of Tax Increment Projections:

David Biggs, Director of Economic Development, reported on the status of the Tax Increment projection for the Southeast Coastal Redevelopment Project Area, considering AES's pending appeal to reassess the power plant. In 02-03 the O.C. Tax Assessor valued the plant at \$325 million, in 03-04 the State Board of Equalization valued the project at \$262 million. AES is requesting that the plant be valued at \$93 million. This situation will be closely monitored to evaluate the "pay as you go" strategy for implementing the capital improvements budgeted for this fiscal year.

Update on Capital Improvement Projects:

Todd Broussard reported that Jerry Dominguez, SCE, and City staff met with CalTrans representatives regarding the undergrounding of utilities project. The project is being coordinated through SCE with the participation of California State Beaches, CalTrans, and the City/Redevelopment Agency. The committee requested that a thank you letter be sent to Jerry Dominguez, Southern California Edison, regarding his leadership in this project.

Jill Hardy requested that if there is a significant reduction in the tax increment, that the community be requested to participate in prioritizing the projects at a future SE Area meeting, and requested that the meeting be held in the evening and a broader meeting notification be implemented.

Gary Gorman, HB Wetlands Conservancy, provided a brief update on the Wildlife Center project. He requested that the \$270,000 grant funding, besides the block wall, be allowed for any required public improvements for the project. Biggs mentioned that certain language can be built into the funding agreement that would allow for that flexibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Notes prepared by Carol Runzel, Assistant Project Manager